from some of the weaver's organisations, from time to time, regarding general problems' of powerloom and handloom sectors.

(b) During Eleventh Five Year plan the Government of India has proposed the following schemes for implementation for benefit of weavers of hand looms and powerloom sector

HANDLOOM SECTOR

(i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme,

(ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme,

(iii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme,

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme.

(v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme,

POWERLOOM SECTOR

(i) Group Work Shed Scheme and Integrated Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme.

(ii) Group Insurance Scheme

(c) The Government of India has implemented 20%Credit linked Credit Scheme (CLCS) under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) especially to help the decentralised powerloom sector since 6.11.2003. The response of the industry is overwhelming. All state Governments have also already been requested to provide uninterrupted power supply on concessional rate to powerloom sector.

Handloom export zones in Tamil Nadu

2445. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up handloom export zones in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), Chennai, has submitted a proposal to the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles to set up handloom export zones at Virudh Nagar handloom cluster in Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) The Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles has requested HEPC to re-cast the proposal as per the proposed guidelines of the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme for the Eleventh Plan. After receipt of the re-casted proposal the same will be examined.